

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 3582–3603; 1 private bill, H.R. 3604; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 87; H. Con. Res. 247, and H. Res. 417–418, were introduced. **Pages H253–54**

Reports Filed: Reports filed:

H. Res. 419, providing for consideration of H.R. 6, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the marriage penalty by providing that the income tax rate bracket amounts, and the amount of the standard deduction, for joint returns shall be twice the amounts applicable to unmarried individuals (H. Rept. 106–495). **Page H253**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:08 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. **Page H225**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1451, to establish the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 385 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 8)—clearing the measure for the President; and **Pages H227–30, H237**

Poison Control Center Enhancement and Awareness: S. 632, to provide assistance for poison prevention and to stabilize the funding of regional poison control centers (passed by a ye and nay vote of 378 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 9)—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H230–33, H237–38**

Honoring the Former Speaker of the House, Carl B. Albert: The House agreed to H. Res. 418, expressing the condolences of the House on the death of the Honorable Carl B. Albert, former Speaker of the House of Representatives by a ye and nay vote of 390 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 10. **Pages H233–36, H238–39**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:18 p.m. and reconvened at 6:02 p.m. **Page H236**

Federal Judicial Center: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Ms. Laurie E. Michel of Virginia to the Board of the Federal Judicial Center for a five-year term. **Page H236**

National Urban Air Toxics Research Center: The Chair announced the Speaker’s appointment of Mr. Thomas F. Burks II of Texas to the Board of Directors of the National Urban Air Toxics Research Center. **Page H236**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H255–56.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today, and appear on pages H237, H237–38, and H239–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and pursuant to H. Res. 418 adjourned at 8:57 p.m. in memory of the late Carl B. Albert.

Committee Meetings

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Health Care Financing Administration. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donna E. Shalala, Secretary; and Nancy Ann DeParle, Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

DEFENSE BUDGET ADEQUACY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the adequacy of the defense budget. Testimony was heard from the following former Secretaries of Defense: James R. Schlesinger; and William J. Perry; and public witnesses.

RECENT BANK FAILURES

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Recent Bank Failures; Underlying Factors including Subprime Lending, Asset Securitizations, and Fraud; Regulatory Initiatives; and H.R. 3374, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Examination Enhancement and Insurance Fund Protection Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; and Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision; Donna Tanoue, Chairman, FDIC; and Laurence H. Meyer, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

ADMINISTRATION’S BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2001. Testimony was heard from Jacob J. Lew, Director, OMB.

OVERSIGHT—2000 CENSUS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census held an oversight hearing on the 2000 Census: Examining the Status of Key Census 2000 Operations. Testimony was heard from Kenneth

Prewitt, Director, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife, and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3331, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 1999; H.R. 3390, Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Conservation Act of 1999; and H.R. 3516, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit pelagic longline fishing in the exclusive economic zone in the Atlantic Ocean. Testimony was heard from Representative Goss; Penelope Dalton, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

NETWORKING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 2086, Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Science. The rule provides that it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science now printed in the bill, modified by striking section 8. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be open for amendment by section. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record and provides that those amendments shall be considered as read. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representative Hall of Texas.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 6, Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000, providing two hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on

Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted upon adoption of the resolution. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute, printed in the report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative Rangel or his designee which shall be considered as read and shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representatives Weller and Rangel.

OUTCOME—SEATTLE WTO MINISTERIAL

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on the outcome of the World Trade Organization Ministerial held in Seattle. Testimony was heard from Representatives Lewis of Georgia, Weller and Waters; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; Susan Westin, Associate Director, International Relations and Trade, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2000

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the dairy pricing system, 9 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold hearings to examine loan guarantees and rural television service, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Budget: to continue hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Federal Trade Commission, 10:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee on Environment and Public Works, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee on Foreign Relations, to hold hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy priorities, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the rising cost of college tuition and the effectiveness of the Federal financial aid, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to hold hearings to examine the national intelligence estimate on the ballistic missile threat to the United States, 2 p.m., SD-342.